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FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM (JUNE 11, 2002 BOARD AGENDA, ITEM NO. 7) – ANNUAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Board Policy No. 3.050, this is to provide your Board with an annual review of the Foreign Consulate Identification Card Program.

BACKGROUND

The Program was established to allow County departments to accept a foreign consulate identification card (FCIC) as a form of valid identification. An FCIC is used only for identification purposes. It is not considered proof of legal residence nor does it extend any benefits to the holder which would require legal residency.

On June 11, 2002, your Board authorized the County of Los Angeles to accept the Matricula Consular, an FCIC issued by the Consulate of Mexico, as a form of identification. The FCIC for the Consulate of Argentina was accepted into the Program on August 1, 2003, and the FCIC for the Consulate of Korea was accepted into the Program on May 19, 2006. The Chief Executive Office was delegated authority to approve acceptance of a consulate's FCIC upon notification to your Board if the FCIC meets the criteria as set forth in the Policy.

ANNUAL REVIEW

All County departments were surveyed to determine which departments were presented with FCICs in the course of their operations. The number of departments that have been presented with FCICs increased slightly in 2012 to 18, from 17 departments in 2011.

The attachment provides information on the services obtained by FCIC holders, the frequency with which they were presented and any operational issues reported by the departments presented with one or more of the eligible FCICs.

The following are highlights from the departments' responses:

- Animal Care and Control FCICs were presented for animal adoptions, impounds, redemptions, license sales and renewals, proof of animal ownership and writing checks.
- **Assessor** FCICs were presented in request for property information.
- <u>Child Support Services</u> FCICs were presented for ID in establishing and enforcing support orders. Mexican FCICs were presented several times per day, Argentine FCICs were presented a few times a year, and Korean FCICs "almost never." One division has reported receiving a growing number of FCICs from the Guatemalan Consulate.
- <u>Children and Family Services</u> FCICs were used for Live Scan and relative placement. FCICs are helpful in identifying members of a child's extended family who can participate as a resource family. In 2013 SB1064 went into effect, and this department is now required to accept valid FCICs from all consulates.
- <u>Community and Senior Services</u> FCICs from Mexico were presented, mostly for Utility and Emergency Food Assistance, Food Pantry pick-ups, Senior Nutrition program registration, clinic registration and VITA income tax services.
- <u>Community Development Commission/Housing Authority</u> FCICs were presented for eligibility in Public Housing, Section 8 and Social Service programs.
- <u>Coroner</u> More than 100 FCICs were presented in 2012 for identification of decedents, legal next of kin, family members and witnesses, and to establish ID of court-referred participants to the Youthful Drunk Driver Visitation Program.

- <u>Health Services</u> FCICs were presented for Live Scan, health services and clinic visits. In 2011 they were also presented for identification, financial screening and numerous other reasons at various LA County Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Centers (MACCs), Comprehensive Health Centers, LAC+USC Hospital and other County health care centers.
- <u>Mental Health</u> FCICs were presented as a form of identification during Patient Financial Information form assessments.
- <u>Natural History Museum</u> FCICs have been presented in conjunction with gaining admittance into the Natural History Museum and the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits.
- Parks and Recreation FCICs were presented by community service volunteers and for youth sports enrollment.
- <u>Probation</u> FCICs were presented for visiting and release of detained minors, adult intake, supervision and investigation processes.
- <u>Public Health</u> Photo ID is not required to access services, but FCICs have been presented at the STD Clinic in SPA 5.
- <u>Public Library</u> Thousands of FCICs were presented to obtain library cards, with 2996 cards issued to Mexican FCIC users (1323 in previous year), 21 cards to Argentine FCIC users (4 in previous year), and 38 to Korean FCIC users (12 in previous year).
- <u>Public Social Services</u> FCICs were presented when applying for CalWORKS/Refugee and General Relief benefits, and Food Stamps.
- <u>Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk</u> FCICs were presented for issuance of marriage licenses and check acceptance, with an average of 15 to 20 FCICs per day presented.
- <u>Sheriff</u> Numerous FCICs were presented as proof of identity for service calls; traffic and pedestrian stops; visiting inmates and general public contact. Continuing problems with determining FCIC validity have led to a request to add a Board Policy amendment allowing the Office of Protocol to work with the three consulates that have an agreement with the County to provide designated contacts for departments to access in real time.

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• <u>Treasurer-Tax Collector</u> – FCICs were presented for bidder registration for public auctions of tax-defaulted property and Immigration Clearance letters.

The following departments reported they were not presented with any of the eligible FCICs in 2012: Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Alternate Public Defender, Auditor-Controller, Beaches and Harbors, Board of Supervisors Executive Office, Chief Executive Office, Chief Information Office, Consumer Affairs, County Counsel, District Attorney, Fire, Human Resources, Internal Services, Military and Veterans Affairs, Museum of Art, Public Defender, Public Works and Regional Planning.

Based on the operational issues identified by departments, this Office will continue to work with the consulates to strengthen the FCIC Program. Also, given the number of departments that have indicated an interest in refresher training, we will be working with the affected consulates to coordinate this training.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please have your staff contact Ryan Alsop at 213-974-1100 (ralsop@ceo.lacounty.gov) or Lourdes Saab at 213-974-1307 (lsaab@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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All Department Heads

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FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARD – ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS 2012-2013 01/30/2013

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	IF SO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH	WHAT SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES WERE FCICS PRESENTED?	Mostly for Live Scan, also relative placement.	Utility and Emergency Food Assistance; Food Panty pick-ups; Senior Nutrition program registration; Clinic registration; VITA income tax services — in 2011	Processing applicants for program eligibility	N/A	Identification of decedents, legal next of kin, family members and witnesses, also to establish ID of court-referred participants to the Youthful Drunk Driver Visitation Program.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Health Services/Clinic Visits
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ANY SUGGESTIONS.	COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE POLICY?		No – in 2011	At am FCIC training session in 2005 staff were instructed that FCICs are not acceptable 1-9 documents.	To ensure that the Department is up to date on changing regulation, some training would be appreciated.	ON.	No		NO NO	No	No
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HLIW NOILON III NOO NI OS HI	WHAT SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES WERE FCICS PRESENTED?	N/A. Photo ID is not required for services provided at any of the public health centers, therefore patients are not asked to present any form of ID for services provided.	STD Clinic	To obtain a library card.			When submitting applications for CalWORKs/Refugee, Medi-Cal, General Relief, and Food Stamps.	N/A	N/A	Marriage Licenses issuance, Check acceptance.
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ANY SIIGGESTIONS	COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE POLICY?	As with most forms of ID other than CA ID cards and drivers' licenses, it is difficult to determine the validity and authenticity. The department has distributed a newsletter that describes the FCICs to assist with recognizing authentic FCICs. Leven so, recognition of an authentic FCIC can be difficult for law enforcement officers due to infrequent encounters with the cards. The use ofr a special device to detect the hidden security features makes it harder to authenticate the cards, as the device is not always available when needed. Providing access to a consulate's database ID system would give deputy personnel the ability to verify FCICs in the same manner as California IDs and drivers' licenses are validated. (Note: this may not be possible because of other countries'	No.
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